SAFE STORE FOR SPECULATIVE HELPER THREADS

Abstract of the Invention

The latencies associated with retrieving instruction information for a main thread [000144]

are decreased through the use of a simultaneous helper thread. The helper thread is permitted to

execute Store instructions. Store blocker logic operates to prevent data associated with a Store

instruction in a helper thread from being committed to memory. Dependence blocker logic

operates to prevent data associated with a Store instruction in a speculative helper thread from

being bypassed to a Load instruction in a non-speculative thread.

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